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To: CID From: Paris
Re: 281H-LA-172218, 10/25/1996

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21, 1988 by the Prefecture of the Sixth Department of France. The card expires in 1998.

[redacted] currently lives at [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] testified on July 7, 1996 in response to a international Letter Rogatory, issued by the Republic of Kazakhstan, concerning accusations against [redacted] being conducted by those authorities responsible for the investigation of fraud and corruption. This investigation concerned the theft of approximately $3,657,040.00 (U.S.) by [redacted] and others, subsequent to a transaction concerning a shipment of 25,000 tons of sugar from Cuba to Kazakhstan. The American corporation, METAL and CRYSTAL WORKS, was named as intermediary in this transaction. The investigation conducted in France has revealed that there is no trace of this transaction in the accounts of the MTI CORPORATION situated in France. The business activity of MTI CORPORATION has been almost non-existent since its creation.

Additionally, [redacted] has stated that it was his brother-in-law, [redacted] born [redacted] at [redacted] of Swiss nationality, who took care of MTI affairs in Moscow. [redacted] added that [redacted] had great discretion with regard to the transactions which he wished to conduct for MTI at MOSCOW. [redacted] resides at [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] claimed to not be acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] He also claimed to have no knowledge of the transaction concerning the sugar, referenced above.

The French Judicial Police have been requested to continue their investigation, and to address additional issues raised in the original Los Angeles EC.

Receiving offices are further advised that the police authorities of Monaco have been contacted and have been requested to provide pertinent information concerning [redacted] b6 b7C

Investigation at Paris continues.

(12/31/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 10/28/1996

To: CID Attn: IROSB, IRU-1
Attn: R/EE/ECEU,
SSA [redacted]

Los Angeles Attn: SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

New York Attn: SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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From: Paris
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 281H-LA-172218 (Pending)
281H-NY-256603 (Pending)

Title: [redacted] DBA MEGA BUCKS TRADING CORPORATION, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA;
OC/DI - [redacted] ORGANIZATION

Synopsis: Summary of investigation conducted to date by French Judicial Police, pursuant to LA EC dated 6/25/96.

Details: The following is a summary of investigation conducted by the Judicial Police concerning captioned matter:

MEDITERRANEAN TRADE INVEST CORPORATION has been listed with the TRIBUNAL OF COMMERCE of Nice, as of February 21, 1990. This corporation is registered under the Registry of Commerce and Corporations number (RCS) 353598006 and it is a corporation with a listed capital of 50,000 francs (approximately $10,000). It's stated official purpose is for the purchase and sale of chemical and metallurgical base products, both wholesale and retail.

The corporation was originally situated at the Palais George V, Avenue George V, in Nice, and was subsequently "relocated" to a mail drop service situated at the Arithmos Building, Route des Dolines, Valbonne 06. The director is [redacted] born on [redacted] at [redacted] has legally changed his name. His original name was [redacted] son of [redacted] and of [redacted] The change of name occurred on February 26, 1989, in Sweden. [redacted] has been issued Swedish passport number [redacted] issued on March 4, 1991 by the Swedish Consulate situated at Marseille, France. [redacted] holds a [redacted] residence card, number [redacted] issued January

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(01/26/1998)

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 11/01/1999

To: Boston
Los Angeles **Attn:** C-15

From: Philadelphia
Squad 17
Contact: SA [redacted] (215) 418-4163 b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 281H-PH-74281 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
ET AL;

Synopsis: Set leads.

Reference: 281H-LA-1722188

Details: Investigation to date reveals that [redacted] who is the President, Owner, or Principal Officer of approximately 35 companies located in the Philadelphia area is suspected of money laundering. Funds are being wire transferred into [redacted] Philadelphia corporate bank accounts from various financial institutions in Russia. [redacted] subsequently transfers the funds to numerous corporate and individual accounts overseas within 36 hours of their arrival into Philadelphia. b6 b7C

A review of ACS indicates that the Los Angeles Division investigation (281H-PH-172218) involved [redacted] and [redacted] These individuals set up a business named KOMKAD in St. Petersburg, Russia, that was involved in defrauding the government of Kazakhstan of $6 million in a sugar deal. In October 1996 [redacted] and [redacted] were indicted on wire fraud and money laundering for their part of the fraud.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, [redacted] cooperated and provided information in his and [redacted] activities. A review of the case shows connection to [redacted] Based on [redacted] prior cooperation, FBI-LA is requested to determine the status of his sentence and to locate and interview [redacted] to solicit his further cooperation against [redacted] Also, locate [redacted] to determine the status of his sentence. b6 b7C

281H-PH-74281-408

[redacted]

[redacted]

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

BOSTON

AT BOSTON

Make a discrete inquiry into Fleet Bank to identify [redacted] Conduct logical background investigation into [redacted] and his involvement in organized criminal activity (Russian) and money laundering. b6 b7C

Set Lead 2:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES

Locate and interview [redacted] to determine if he can provided additional details surrounding his relationship with [redacted] Determine the sentencing status of [redacted] Provide background information on AMRUS to determine if it is the AMRUS connected to [redacted] Contact the Philadelphia Division case agent prior to contacting [redacted] b6 b7C

Determine the occupant at [redacted] and determine their involvement in criminal activity.

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Name: OXBOW FINANCIAL GROUP
Address: 120 North Swall Drive, Apt 207
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Telephone: (215) 953-0251
this telephone is used by [redacted] b6 b7C

FBI-LA investigation determined that AMRUS in Encino, California, was receiving opium shipments for [redacted] FBI-PH investigation determined that [redacted] received wires from a company named AMRUS with a bank account at LATEKO BANK in Riga, Latvia. It is unknown if these two companies are one in the same.

In a letter dated 12/27/96, FBI-LA indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] used the METAL AND CRYSTAL WORKS ENTERPRISES (MCW) account a Merrill Lynch account in Beverly Hills to move $500,000 wires from Sweden. [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

The LA Division is requested to contact SA [redacted] at (215) 418-4163 prior to interviewing [redacted]

For the information of the Boston Division. [redacted] b6 b7C sent numerous wire transfers to [redacted] Bank records indicated that [redacted] wired $148,400 between 01/03/96 and 05/01/96. All of the wires were under $10,000 and most were for $9,000. [redacted] has bank account number [redacted] at Fleet Bank in Boston.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] on the telephone several times and [redacted] knew [redacted] and introduced [redacted] to him [redacted] had [redacted] handle his American Express and other accounts for him. [redacted] set up the offshore bank account OXBOW for [redacted] and [redacted] paid [redacted] $1,000 to handle their accounts. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was [redacted] partner in OLBI JAZZ and [redacted] and [redacted] are officers in the Russian Company OLBI JAZZ. OLBI JAZZ is owned by the Russian Company OLBI which is run by [redacted] OLBI is believed to be involved in money laundering, drug trafficking and contract murders throughout the world and has several subsidiaries including OLBI USA, in New York, according to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] helped to arrange loans from Russian bankers by paying bribes to get lower interest rates and to keep the loans open. Most of the money from the OLBI JAZZ deals were routed through [redacted] OLBI JAZZ had an office in London, England. In the FBI-LA letter it names MEDITERRANEAN TRADE INVEST S.A.R.L. (MTI), an account holder at Skandinaviska Enshilda Banken in Stockholm, Sweden, was used to help pay bribes to the Kazakhstan officials. b6 b7C

A Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) report, dated 02/26/98, provided the following information regarding OLBI and OXBOW;

Name: **OLBI TRADING COMPANY**
Address: 27 Nagatinskaya
Moscow, Russia 115533
Telephone: 70951120205
Fax: 70951125229
Officers: [redacted] Director
[redacted]

Name: **OLBI TRADING, INC.**
Address: 15 Tulip Lane
Syosset, NY 117941
Telephone: (516) 496-9509
Officer: [redacted]

Name: **OXBOW FINANCIAL GROUP**
Address: 1730 Welsh Road
Philadelphia, Pa 19115
Telephone: (215) 698-9505
Officer: [redacted]

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